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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6364**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1288

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 22, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Cancellation of registration of deceased voters.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Kruse

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires a local health officer to file a copy of certain death certificates with the circuit court clerk. The bill requires the circuit court clerk to cancel the voter registration of the deceased individual if required under the voter registration statute.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary:* The bill requires sending a copy of the death certificate to the circuit court clerk. County expenditures should be minimal to meet the requirements of the bill. Local health officials could coincide the monthly submission of death certificates to the state with a copy sent to the circuit court clerk. Electronic transfers, where possible, of death certificates would reduce costs associated with mailings.

*Background:* Under current law, local health officials must submit a monthly report of all births, deaths, and stillbirths to the State Department of Health that occurred in their county in the preceding month. The report must contain the original copy of the death certificate. Local health officials must also submit a quarterly report containing the same information to the county auditor.

Approximately 4 million voters were registered for the 2000 general election. In CY 2000, 54,058 Indiana residents of voting age (eighteen and over) died. Of the total, 44,601 died in their Indiana county of

residence, 7,896 (14.6%) died in an Indiana county in which they did not reside, and 1,561 (2.9%) died outside of Indiana. Based on CY 2000 data, health officers may need to report approximately 15% of the deaths that occurred to the circuit court clerk in the residing county where the deceased was registered to vote. It is not currently known how many residents who died in 2000 were registered to vote.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** County health departments, Office of the Circuit Court Clerk.

**Information Sources:** Zach Cattell, Indiana State Department of Health, 233-2170; Indiana Election Division, 232-3939.

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